

# PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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## Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

February 17, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

Probation Classroom

Jim Salio, Chair

James E. Salio  
Chief Probation Officer

## MINUTES

### *Attendees:*

#### Community Corrections Partnership Title (or designee) – Name

Chief Probation Officer – Jim Salio

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court – Susan Matherly, Michael Powell

A County Supervisor or CAO – Geoff O'Quest

The District Attorney – Dan Dow, Sheryl Wolcott, Lee Cunningham

DA Victim Witness – Debra Vallely

Sheriff – Ian Parkinson

The Public Defender – Patricia Ashbaugh

A Chief of Police – Robert Burton

Department Head of County Employment – Not available

Behavioral Health – Teresa Pemberton

Drug and Alcohol Services – Teresa Pemberton

Department Head of Social Services – Not available

Health Agency – Jeff Hamm, Michelle Shoresman

The Head of the County Office of Education – Not available

Probation – Chief Deputy Robert Reyes, Amy Gilman, Virginia Collie

35th State Assembly Representative – Not available

Senator Monning's Representative - Kevin Bommarito

A representative from a community-based organization – Not available

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion made by Jim Salio and seconded by Ian Parkinson to approve the minutes from December 15<sup>th</sup>. All in favor, minutes approved as written.

There was a motion made by Geoff O'Quest and seconded by Dan Dow to approve the minutes from January 20<sup>th</sup>. Abstentions by Ian Parkinson, Susan Matherly, and Robert Burton. Minutes approved as written.

### **III. Public Comment**

None.

#### **IV. Program Updates**

None.

#### **V. Treasurer's Report**

Wendy was not present. Jim Salio reported she is in the process of receiving final numbers from all agencies who are claiming realignment funds for the FY15-16 budget, and will give a final accounting of what has been appropriated for 15-16, hopefully by March's meeting.

#### **VI. Update on Community Correction Reduction Grants**

Geoff O'Quest reported receipt of a total of six applications that were preliminarily reviewed by himself and Robert Reyes. Each grant is \$10,000 dollars with a total of \$50,000 available. One applicant may have disqualified themselves so they may be able to give out the total amount to the remaining five applicants. The re-entry team will assist in further review with the grant applicants, to be sure what they are proposing is true and measurable so that we can report back to the state. He is shooting for next month's meeting to bring back the recommended grants and will present to the Board of Supervisors in April for final approval. The grants will be issued starting July 1, 2015.

#### **VII. Update on Realignment Conference**

The conference contained three tracks: Change and Leadership, Systemic Management of Risk and Need, and Practices on the Front Line, and the overall theme was best practices in administrative realignment. Several CCP members attended. The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative was presented, which works with states to implement an innovative cost-benefit analysis approach that helps them to invest in policies and programs that are proven to work. (for more information see [www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-macarthur-results-first-initiative](http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-macarthur-results-first-initiative)) Keynote speaker Dr. Edward J. Latessa emphasized not only looking at the basic needs such as housing and employment but also working on cognitive thinking and relationships between Probation officers and jail personnel to help change behaviors.

#### **VIII. Update on CCP Data tables**

Amy reviewed data for the half way mark for FY 14-15. We are currently seeing a general decrease in felony probationers due to Proposition 47 and many of the Proposition 36 offenders being placed on bench probation. Ian Parkinson felt there will be a temporary lull in the jail population as all the felony reduction cases will run their course, but he is predicting an increase in the number of post sentence inmates who will be serving time at the back end of their sentences. He has had a significant reduction in bookings but expects a climb in the next couple of months. He feels the lack of felonies will also effect treatment programs in the jail because previously, felony defendants were being held in the jail prior to sentencing, and thus were available for treatment services before sentencing. Now the need for treatment programs held outside the jail may become even more significant as many defendants are only being cited and released before sentencing. Jim asked Amy to include the number of misdemeanor probation cases to the snapshot of data. Ian reported on a legislative trailer bill in process that will allow Sheriffs to release defendants directly to treatment; he's not sure he will do that but it will make more people eligible for that process.

Data shows that PRCS offenders have a high risk level, mandatory supervision offenders are somewhere in the middle range and the regular felony probation population ranks in the medium to low risk level. Because there is such a low number of closures being reported on, the graph, the data points jump around quite a bit, thus small differences can make large changes in the table. Geoff would like to see a cross tabulation between the types of program

treatments, enrollments, and success rates with recidivism data. Amy is striving to get all treatment programs entered into Monitor and entering start/end dates along with program success rates. They are still working on getting the behavioral health case management system and the Probation Monitor system to share data, perhaps exporting to an Excel spreadsheet. Ian asked whether we could access one time funds for a programmer to help with programming, and Geoff stated that he and Captain Cole have also asked Cal Poly if they could help with creating a merged data set between the various data systems.

#### **IX. Misdemeanor Diversion Program**

Lee Cunningham did a presentation on the Misdemeanor Diversion Program. The DA was looking for a program that would help to reduce the congested court dockets, reduce caseloads significantly, preserve probation resources and reduce the jail population, provide offenders with an opportunity to protect a clean record, be an actual learning experience and reduce recidivism. This program is provided through Pacific Education Services. Basically the filing deputies will review a case, and if the offender is found eligible for the program, the DA will prepare a complaint but not file it with the court. If the person successfully completes the program, the complaint will be dropped and the defendant can maintain a clean record. Offenders must complete the program and pay all fees and any associated restitution owed to victims within 90 days in order to be considered successful in the program. Mr. Cunningham discussed the various eligibility requirements and success rates with the program. The program is designed solely as a first time offender program and it is more about education than treatment. It has been found to save resources with better outcomes for the participants.

#### **X. Topics**

Jeff Hamm reported they are seeking out a new contract for their mobile crisis response in support of law enforcement. They are currently engaged in a competitive process for that vendor. Their current contract will be good until the end of the fiscal year in June.

Jim announced the Board of State and Community Corrections is seeking proposals for available state recidivism reduction funds of approximately \$17,100,000 to support services and evidence based strategies to reduce recidivism and improve quality of life outcomes for mentally ill juvenile and adult offenders in California. The money will be divided equally between juvenile and adult projects. The due date for eligible proposals is 5 pm on April 3, 2015. The Sheriff has put together a strategy group for the adult grant, and the Chief Probation Officer will be responsible for the juvenile grant. Jim suggested we could use the CCP or a sub-group to help put proposals together. Additional information can be found on the BSCC website: [http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_cppmiocr.php](http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_cppmiocr.php).

Susan Matherly would like to schedule a proposition 47 group, to meet with Judge Harmon; she will send out an invite.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in the Probation classroom.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Collie  
CCP Secretary